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In re Application of:

Peter DRÖGESCHER et al
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For: 1) 4-METHYLENE STEROIDS, PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND
PhARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS THAT CONTAIN THESE COMPOUNDS

LETTER TO THE PTO

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Sir:

Further to a request from the Examiner on the telephone on September 28, 2004, attached is the first filing receipt issued in the above application which has the correct filing date of September 27, 2001, on it. Applicants properly claimed priority to US Provisional 60/243,281, filed on October 26, 2000, which is reflected on this filing receipt. Applicants incorrectly claimed priority to a foreign application more than a year after its filing, which is also reflected on this filing receipt.

After a Missing Parts Action dated October 5, 2001, for the filing fee, additional claim fees, and a Oath or Declaration, a new filing receipt was issued with a new filing date of January 21, 2002. This new filing date given is in error.

In sum, the correct filing date of the application is September 27, 2001, and priority is claimed to US Provisional 60/243,281, filed on October 26, 2000.

A formal request for a correct filing receipt will be filed in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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